



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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Response Due Date:
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Reference: October Monthly Report (9/01/04-9/30/04)

Dear Mr. Syverson:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-The limitation on making coordinated party expenditures on behalf of a House candidate for the 2004 general election is \$37,310. Your reports, however, disclose coordinated party expenditures made on behalf of "Crane for Congress" totaling \$111,817.79, which appear to exceed the limitations under 2 U.S.C. §441a(d).

If any apparently excessive expenditure in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If you have made an excessive coordinated party expenditure, you must notify the candidate and request a refund of the amount in excess of the limitation.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund request sent to the candidate. In addition, any refunds should be disclosed on Schedule A supporting Line 16 of the report covering the period during which they are received.

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Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the excessive coordinated party expenditures, prompt action in obtaining a refund will be taken into consideration.

-Schedule A of your report discloses aggregate year-to-date totals for transfers received from national party committees which appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that federal regulations require aggregate year-to-date totals to include only those contributions which are received during the calendar year. Please amend your report to provide the correct aggregate year-to-date totals.

-Schedule A supporting Line 12 discloses a transfer(s)-in from the "Republican National Committee" & "National Republican Congressional Comm". Schedule H6 supporting Line 30(a) reflects payments for Federal Election Activity. Please be advised that under 11 CFR §300.34, a state, district or local party committee must not use any Federal funds transferred to it from a national party committee or any other State, district or local party committee, as the Federal component of an expenditure or disbursement for Federal Election Activity. Furthermore, your committee must itself raise the Federal component of expenditure or disbursement allocated between Federal and Levin funds.

Please clarify whether the transfer(s)-in was used for the subsequent payments for Federal Election Activity. In addition, please clarify the procedures you are currently using to ensure that Federal funds transferred to your committee from national, state, district and local party committees are not being used for Federal Election Activity.

-The totals listed on Lines 1(a), 1(b) & 9, Column B of the Schedule L Aggregation Page for the "Levin" account appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Column B Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Column A Total This Period" figure to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-On Schedule H4, your allocated activity or event year-to-date total calculations for the Administrative category are incorrect. Allocated activity or event year-to-date totals for administrative, voter drive and exempt activity costs are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year for each separate category. Allocated activity or event year-to-date totals for fundraising and direct candidate support activities are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year within a specific event. These should be calculated by adding the latest disbursement for a category or

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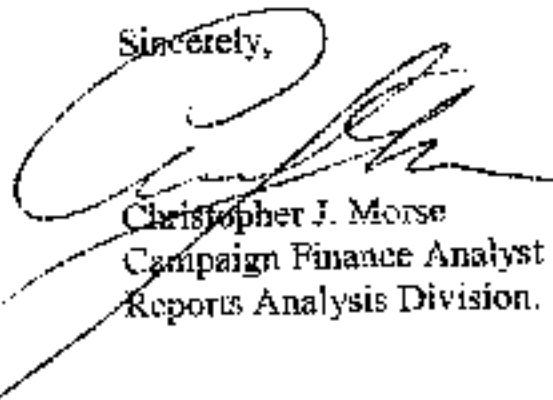
event to the previous event year-to-date total for that category or event. This running event year-to-date total should be disclosed after each disbursement is listed. Please amend your report by providing the correct event year-to-date totals.

-Schedule F of your report discloses coordinated expenditures made on behalf of a candidate(s). Please be advised that only national and state party committees may assign designated spending limits. However, your committee discloses that it has been designated to make such expenditures by an apparent principal campaign committee. Please amend your report with clarifying information. 2 U.S.C. §441a(d)

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1133.

Sincerely,



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